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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

11 October 1974

The President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you most sincerely for your memorandum of October 9, 1974, outlining my responsibilities with respect to the U. S. foreign intelligence community. Your words of support of the intelligence function are an encouragement and stimulus to all of us in that field. Your words affirming the responsibilities of my office to exercise leadership are a strong personal and institutional endorsement. Their effect will be to reinforce the determination of all of us and of me personally to produce intelligence of the highest quality attainable. We have some accomplishments in the past of which we are modestly but in our view justifiably proud; more importantly, we recognize the truth of your charge that "much remains to be done." We will set about the task with renewed enthusiasm in view of your memorandum.

Respectfully,

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